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1. IN EVALUATING THE STATUS OF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS PESTICIDES IN CANADA IT IS HELPFUL TO UNDERSTAND CANADA'S APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM. PLANT PRODUCTS DIVISION (PPD) OF AGRICULTURE CANADA, WHICH ADMINISTERS PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS REGULATIONS, REFRAINS FROM USE OF THE TERM BANNED WHEN REFERRING TO PROCEDURES WHICH EVENTUALLY TERMINATE OR HEAVILY RESTRICT THE USE OF A HIGH RISK PESTICIDE. ALL PESTICIDES SOLD, DISTRIBUTED AND USED IN CANADA MUST BE REGISTERED UNDER CANADA'S PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS ACT AND EACH IS ISSUED A LIST OF ACCEPTABLE USES. WHEN USE RESTRICTION IS DETERMINED NECESSARY OR DESIREABLE PPD FOLLOWS A SUSPENSION PROCEDURE WHEREBY THE LIST OF APPROVED USES IS DIMINISHED. GENERALLY, EXISTING APPROVED USES ARE ELIMINATED FOLLOWING AN ASSESSMENT OF THEIR RELATIVE RISK. THROUGH THE REPEATED APPLICATION OF THIS SUSPENSION PROCEDURE PPD MAY EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATE ALL REGISTERED USES FOR A PARTICULAR PESTICIDE. THIS RESULTS IN A CANCELLATION PROCEDURE FOR THAT PESTICIDE SINCE IT NO LONGER HAS ANY

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APPROVED USES. ALTHOUGH EFFECTIVELY BANNED, PPD CHOOSES TO REFER TO SUCH CASES AS BEING NO LONGER APPROVED FOR USE BY MEANS OF THE REGULATORY PROCESS. SINCE CANADIAN PESTICIDE FIRMS ARE ESSENTIALLY FORMULATORS OF PESTICIDES FROM IMPORTED INGREDIENTS, RATHER THAN MANUFACTURERS, IT IS VIEWED THAT THE DEMAND FOR A PESTICIDE WITHOUT APPROVED USES WILL BE NIL AND SINCE IT WILL NO LONGER BE APPROVED

FOR REGISTRATION IT WILL NOT BE FORMULATED OR IMPORTED FOR USE.

IF PPD HAS DETERMINED THAT THE SUSPENSION PROCEDURE FOR APPROVED USES IS TO RESULT IN A CANCELLATION PROCEDURE FOR ALL USES A GRADUAL APPROACH IS TAKEN WITH THE VIEW THAT THE LAW WILL NEGOTIATE A PHASING OUT OF THE PRODUCT. THIS GRADUAL ELIMINATION PROCEDURE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE STOCKS HELD BY FORMULATORS, DISTRIBUTORS, DEALERS, ETC. THE PROCEDURE ALSO AFFECTS ANY SUPPLIES THAT MAY ENTER EXPORT CHANNELS SO THAT BY THE TIME THE CANCELLATION PROCEDURE IS COMPLETED THERE WILL NO LONGER BE ANY EXPORTABLE SUPPLIES. IN THIS WAY, CANADIAN PROCEDURES ASSURE EXPORT CUSTOMERS THAT ONLY PRODUCTS WITH REGISTERED USES IN CANADA ARE EXPORTED FROM CANADA.

2. FOOD USE STATUS OF SELECTED PESTICIDES, PLANT PRODUCTS
DIVISION - AGRICULTURE CANADA:

LEPTOPHOS - ALL REGISTERED USES CANCELLED EFFECTIVE FEB. 17, 1977.

ALDRIN - REGISTERED FOR TERMITE CONTROL ONLY.

DIELDRIN - REGISTERED FOR TERMITE CONTROL AND PLANT QUARANTINE TREATMENTS IN NURSERIES.

DDT - REGISTERED FOR USE ON APPLES AND STRAWBERRIES BUT THIS USE TO BE SUSPENDED EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1978. NO UNCLASSIFIED

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WIDESPREAD USE. QUEBEC, FOR TARNISHED PLANT BUG.

CHLORDANE - REGISTERED FOR USE AS TRACKING POWDER FOR BATS AND MICE, STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL (ANTS) AND CUTWORMS ON STRAWBERRY AND POTATO.

HEPTACHLOR - REGISTERED FOR USE IN CONTROL OF NARCISSUS BULB FLY.

ENDRIN - REGISTERED FOR USE IN CEREAL CUTWORM CONTROL AND USES ON FLAX, RAPE, MUSTARD AND POTATO.

CHLORDEONE - (TRADE NAME KEPONE) REGISTERED FOR USE IN ANT BAIT.

STRYCHNIN - RESTRICTED CLASS USE FOR PEST CONTROL OPERATORS, FARMERS, AND APPROVED APPLICATION PROGRAMS WHERE VENDOR MAINTAINS RECORDS OF SALES AND QUANTITY PURCHASED. REGISTERED FOR USE FOR MICE CONTROL IN ORCHARDS, CONTROL OF

GOPHERS AND RELATED SPECIES, PIGEON CONTROL AND PREDATOR
CONTROL WHICH IS RESTRICTED TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.
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METHYL MERCURY DICYANAMIDE- REGISTERED FOR PLANT QUARANTINE
USE ONLY.

MERCURIC CHLORIDE - REGISTERED FOR USE AS A BACTERIAL DISEASE
SEED TREATMENT FOR USE ON CERTAIN VEGETABLE AND FLORAL SEEDS.

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(USE IS MINOR).

PHENYL MERCURIC ACETATE - REGISTERED FOR USE ON GOLF COURSE
TURFS AND AS SCAB ERADICANT ON APPLES NOT TO BE APPLIED
AFTER CALYX (USE IS MINOR). ALSO AS DORMANT STAGE SPRAY ON
BLUEBERRIES FOR CONTROL OF GODRINIA CANCER.

OTHER PESTICIDES REGISTERED FOR USE BUT USE LIMITED DUE TO
RESTRICTIONS: TDE (DDD), CALCIUM ARSENATE, OTHER MERCURIALS,
BENZINE HEXACHLORIDE (MIXED ISOMERS).

3. COPIES OF FEDERAL LAWS, REGULATIONS AND AMENDMENTS
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